



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE COMMISSION
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FROM: OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

DATE: AUGUST 19, 2005

SUBJECT: *Ex Parte* COMMUNICATION
RE: ADVISORY OPINION 2005-10

Transmitted herewith is a summary of a returned telephone call by Chairman Thomas to Congressman Howard Berman regarding the above-captioned matter.

Attachment



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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

August 18, 2005

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TO: Mary W. Dove
Commission Secretary

FROM: Scott E. Thomas 
Chairman

SUBJECT: *Ex parte* contact re Advisory Opinion Request 2005-10

On August 16, 2005 I returned the call of Congressman Howard Berman. He indicated that he and Congressman Doolittle would be submitting a written comment regarding the draft advisory opinion in the above-referenced item. He said that the Governor in California would be raising enormous contributions in connection with the upcoming ballot measures, and that the California congressional delegation would be constrained by the OGC draft. He indicated that the FEC had legal authority to take the approach recommended by the requestors. He also indicated his view that Congress would not have intended the result suggested in the OGC draft.